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21, 1995, which itself is a continuation-in-part of co-pending, commonly assigned patent application, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRINTING PERSONALIZED POSTAGE INDICIA ON GREETING CARDS", serial number 08/540,658, now patent number 5,717,597, filed October 11, 1995, which applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein. Reference is hereby made to concurrently filed, co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING FAULT TOLERANT TRANSACTIONS OVER AN UNSECURED COMMUNICATION CHANNEL," serial number 08/965,069, now patent number 6,199,055, the disclosure of which application is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 9, lines 5-10, as follows:

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The present invention further provides for a method and system, described in co-pending U.S. application serial no. 08/263,751, now patent number 5,606,507, and incorporated herein by reference, for automatically calculating the appropriate amount of postage for a piece of mail, printing that amount of postage and deducting the printed amount of postage from the total amount of postage stored within the portable postage storage device. In addition, the present invention allows the user to retrieve, select, personalize and print postage indicia.

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 15, lines 19-24, as follows:

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A preferred embodiment of the above described TMU button is disclosed in the co-pending commonly assigned, U. S. application, now patent number 6,199,055, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING FAULT TOLERANT TRANSACTIONS OVER AN UNSECURED COMMUNICATION CHANNEL," previously incorporated herein by reference. This preferred embodiment includes a TMU button having a processor operating under control of a limited purpose operating code providing secure data storage and interaction.

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 20, line 16, through page 21, line 3, as follows:

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Alternatively, a pair of systems 10 may be linked together through public switched network ("PSN") 102, or other communication gateway such as the Internet or other